

THE BLACKSONIAN

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Cody Cameron, this issue's Student Spotlight

Student Career Spotlight Cody Cameron

Baylee Walker

Cody Cameron is taking horticulture at I2 to prepare for a job in the field. We asked Cody what they do in the class, and he responded, "Most of the time we go in the greenhouse; some people sweep the floor, some are planting, and some are weed eating outside. Sometimes we go inside and complete online tasks about plants, farming, and planting organizations."

Cody is a terrific friend to others, as one of his classmates Dayvon stated, "Cody is a great classmate. He always helps me whenever I need help. He is also not a distraction in class. He is not only a fantastic friend, but also a great student." His teacher, Mr. Blackburn, described him as "hard-working and a great guy who turns in work early or on time, engages in class conversation, and is well behaved."

AVID



Mason Lydia

AVID is a program that assists kids in learning organizational skills and other tactics that will better prepare them for college or the profession of their choice. AVID focuses on WICOR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and rigor). They have taken trips to Cleveland Community College, York Tech, Southern Wesleyan, and Lander. Their next field trip will be to Gardner-Webb University.

We asked Mr. Higginbotham about AVID, and he said, "The AVID students start a college board while also trying to get college applications and going to other colleges to check out the schools, and if they do not want to go to college, they do career things." We then asked Mrs. Greene her thoughts about AVID; she told us, "AVID is a great program to give students the skills they need to go out into the career force, college, or even pursue a military career. AVID is more than academics. It is about building relationships with the student and being their academic coach."



Winter guard at their competition

Congratulations to the Winter Guard!!!

For the second time this season, they were moved up a class. They finished third in the SAA division on March 18th, with only one point separating first, second, and third place. We are confident that they will maintain their amazing performance throughout the competition.



Mr. Painter and Grayson Hurley

Congratulations to Grayson Hurley!!!

The senior received the *Rising Star* award at the Know2 event "A Night at the Oscars" on March 18th. Grayson is committed to the improvement of our school and community. He has done so much for our school, such as the Blacksburg High School Environmental Conservation Committee.

News and Events

RADA

Chloe Sweat

The RADA program is a statewide initiative to distribute drug prevention information to community stakeholders, school leaders, faith-based organizations, and business leaders. RADA is an acronym that stands for "Rise Above Drugs and Alcohol." Additionally, there is a collective effort to debunk misconceptions and stigma around alcohol and drug abuse by pushing messages through community-wide technology, guest lecturers visiting schools across the country, and print media. RADA focuses on preventing the start of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among adolescents, as well as reducing substance abuse risk factors in adolescents, families, and communities. Prevention programs seek to alter views, attitudes, behaviors, and local situations that contribute to substance abuse.



RADA came to the Law Enforcement class at I2 and did activities with them.

ART EXPO

Christopher Davis

Cherokee County's Art Gala was held on the 28th of March. It took place at Gaffney High School and was from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Pieces of artwork were picked out from every school in Cherokee County to be displayed for viewing. Cherokee County's choirs and bands showcased their talents in the auditorium, and our BHS Winter Guard perfectly performed their show in the gym. This event was an overall great success for schools all throughout our district.

TALENT NIGHT

Mason Lydia

Blacksburg High School took part in "Talent Night" on March 30th. This event took place in the auditorium, and there was a \$3 admission fee at the door. This event allowed for kids to showcase their talents, which range from drawing to singing to poetry. There were also performances by the dance team, the Blacksburg High School Choir, and even some of our staff members. There was also a special performance by BHS choir alumni, Jada Morgan.

Academics

THE TABARD

Mason Lydia

The Blacksonian's literary magazine will be called *The Tabard*. The pilgrims who stayed at the Tabard inn to rest from their journeys and share their stories with each other inspired the name. There have been at least two literary magazines published by BHS. The literary magazine was named *The Tabard* after the aforementioned inn since the literary magazine is a place to share stories, just like the pilgrims did. We chose the name because of its historical significance for our newspaper. **If you are interested in having your artwork, short stories, poems, and essays showcased, email Mr. Blackburn.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

Kayleigh Triplett

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!!! Go to the guidance office to get your applications for scholarships before they are all gone. There are scholarships from almost everything, such as the Rotary Club, the Ginger Horton Memorial Scholarship, the Elks Club, Cherokee County Soil and Water, Helen Massey Holmes, the Jared Harris Memorial Art Scholarship, and so many others. Scholarships can assist in reducing the need for student loans. Scholarships directly lower the amount that a student must pay out of pocket for their education. There is no need to worry about working through college or taking out loans; this gives students more time to enjoy college and keep ahead in their studies.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Cortlyn Phenicie

Have you ever wondered where a teacher attended school or about their life outside of teaching? Well, we spoke to Ms. Smith and asked about her life. Here are the results...

How long have you been teaching? Over 30 years.

Where did you go to college? Winthrop University.

Why did you become a teacher? "I have always had a love for teaching. It just felt right, and it is a joy to me and always has been.

Are you married? No.

Do you have any kids? No.

What job did you have before this? RA in college and worked at TNS mills.

Where did you grow up? Blacksburg, SC.

What were your favorite subjects in school? Certain math courses and, of course, English.

AP SPOTLIGHT

Chloe Sweat

The AP Spotlight for this week is AP Art! If anyone would like to take art to the next level, contact Ms. Thompson. A person can take AP Art if they have taken both Art I and Art II. This course may be suitable for those who want to major in anything artistic in college and develop a portfolio. Six hours of college credit, which is roughly the equivalent of \$1,000, are automatically awarded if you pass AP Studio Art and AP 2D Art.

When asked if she liked taking AP Studio Art, Emma Barton responded, "I love having AP art. It's always fun, and we get to be creative. We get to learn different art forms, use new materials, grow with our art, and express yourself freely. Through this class, we have opportunities to earn scholarships. I could not express how much I love this class." When we asked about her motivation for enrolling in the course, she replied, "I really enjoyed growing up and seeing my family paint and draw. I had a love of art at a really young age. I learned about AP art as a sophomore and signed up for it immediately."

When we questioned Blacksburg High School's art teacher about AP Art, Ms. Thompson responded, "I love teaching it. It develops critical thinking skills and time management since my students have to have their art projects turned in by a certain date. I think people who want to create art portfolios and major in some form of art in college should take AP art. We do a lot of work here." Mrs. Thompson went on to say, "Writing is a big part of AP. Some people don't realize we write "essays" for art. I took AP art in high school, and I absolutely loved it. I would take it again if possible. I love seeing different art forms and techniques, and my students are always a pleasure to be around; we become almost like a family in the art room. Like I always say, once an AP art baby, always an AP art baby; just like once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat."

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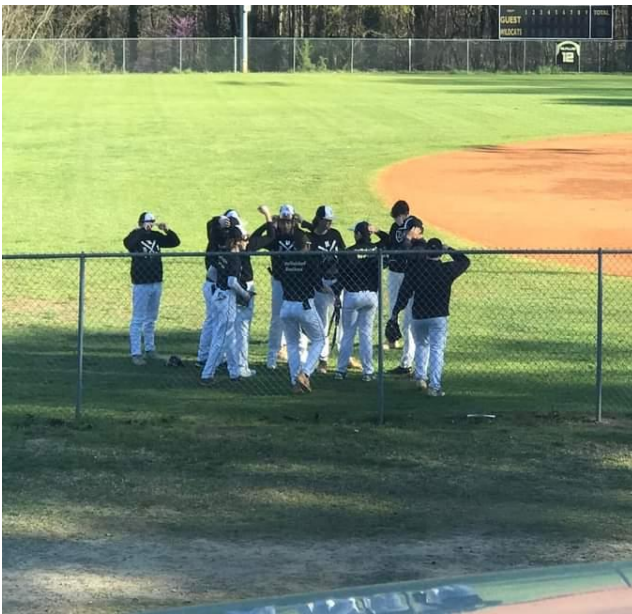
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SPORTS

CHESNEE HOME GAME

Isabelle Cole

On March 10th, our Wildcats played an outstanding game versus Chesnee. If you weren't aware, Chesnee is our rival school, so this victory means a lot to both our school and the athletes. At this game, our own Kolby Capps and Levi Barrett both hit home runs. We were overjoyed to see two of our Wildcats achieve this! The final scores were 5-4 for JV and 11-7 for Varsity. This victory is especially significant because it is the first time in ten years that they have defeated Chesnee at Chesnee.



This issue's athlete spotlight, Levi Barrett

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Jordan Evans and Lacey Shelton

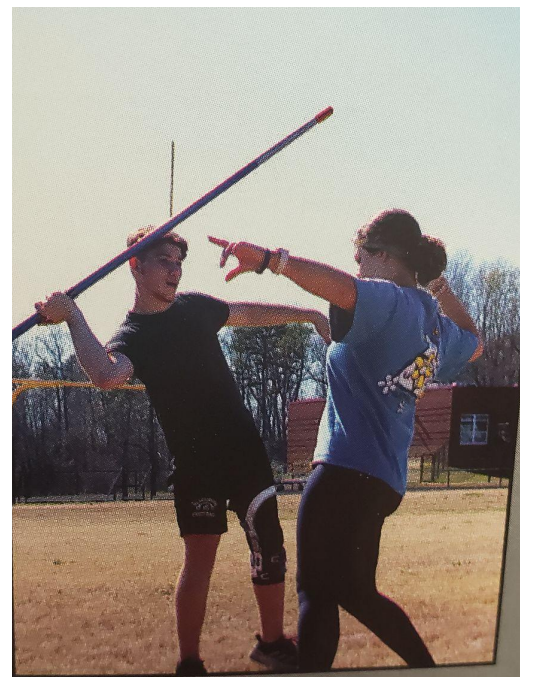
The athlete we have chosen for this week's athletes' spotlight is Levi Barrett. He attends Blacksburg High School and is a junior. He is the baseball team's varsity shortstop and right-handed pitcher. We asked him what inspired him, and he said his grandfather inspires him to keep playing and to do his best. Levi enjoys fishing and is an officer in Beta Eta Sigma, the Boys' Club at Blacksburg High.

We asked him how he balances school and sports, and he answered that he does as much schoolwork as he can while he is not playing. When we asked him about his everyday struggles with school and sports, he stated that finding time for sleep and grades were the most challenging issues he faced between school and sports. We then questioned him about his plans after high school, to which he replied, "to go to college and major in physical education." He also aims to be a high school baseball coach in order to pass on his passion for the game.

SENIOR NIGHT

Konstantin Foster

Senior day or senior night (depending on the time of the game) refers to a team's final regular-season home game of the season in high school and college sports. A ceremony is organized before, after, or during the game to say the team's seniors farewell, as it is their final game in front of their home fans. Dre Buckson, Sam McSwain, Brayden Morgan, Dustin Henry, Grayson Hurley, Parker Alexander, Rat Degree, EJ Gram, and Caleb Martin were all seniors given framed jerseys and recognized during this year's track senior night. These athletes also performed admirably that night, earning many first-place victories.



LIFE STYLES

EASTER

Jansen Ham

As we began getting closer and closer to April, we started to look forward to Easter. Easter, also known as Pascha, is a holiday where many celebrate the resurrection of Jesus three days after his death by crucifixion. Unlike some holidays, Easter is a movable feast, which means the date is based on the lunisolar calendar. Easter is most commonly celebrated by the "Easter Bunny," who leaves chocolates or brightly colored candy and leaves eggs for the kids to find around the yard. This holiday usually brings families together and is a fun time for the kids to hunt for eggs. Rutherford Hayes is credited with sponsoring the first annual Easter egg roll, where kids and adults gathered to roll their eggs on the following Monday. This holiday is special to many and was a joy to be celebrated this year, like years past!



Dr. Maynard

Dr. Maynard O'Mazing's advice, philosophy, and words of wisdom.

Dear Dr. O,

I need stuff to make me happy because I'm attempting to come out of a depressing mood. What makes you happy?

-Lost in life

Dear Lost in life,

I like to consider the people in my life that I care about. They may appear minor, yet they are what truly bring me joy. If there are people in your life who don't make you feel loved and joyful, get rid of them.

Dear Dr. O,

My parents want me to go to a fancy college to get a degree I don't want. What should I do?

-In need of help

Dear In need of help,

Follow your dreams. Obviously, your parents' advice is important, but ultimately, it is your life choices that will affect you.

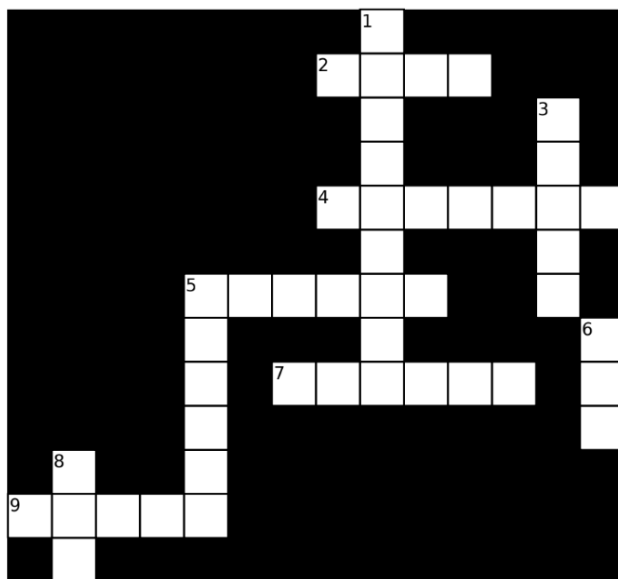
GOOD FRIDAY

Trevor Moore

Good Friday is one of the most important Christian feast days. This day commemorates Jesus Christ's death and burial. This year's date was April 7, 2023. According to Christian belief, Jesus Christ is God's Son. He grew into a man and lived among men. Christ died on the cross, or crucifix, for mankind to save them from eternal death.

Good Friday is followed by the most important Christian feast days. It is the Passover or Easter holiday. Christians fast for forty days in preparation for the Passover feast. The Lenten season refers to this period of preparation. Lent is a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on Holy Thursday at sundown. Every year, it is a period of preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. The final week of this period is known as "Holy Week."

EASTER



ACROSS

2. Kids participate in an egg ____.
4. April showers bring May ____.
5. Easter's Season
7. You carry your Easter treats in a ____.
9. The Easter ____ hops around the world and delivers presents.

DOWN

1. A mother duck always looks after her ____.
3. Easter Month
5. Easter always takes place on this day of the week.
6. What comes first, the chicken or the ____?
8. The ____ warms and brings light to the world.



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Even though it does not seem so, spring has sprung. Spring is a season that represents starting over and starting fresh, since it is all about new beginnings and transformations. After several months of chilly weather, which frequently causes many of us to experience the winter blues, spring reawakens both ourselves and the world around us, bringing everything back to life. All around you is spring such as deep purple crocus, the robin, vividly colored eggs, cuddly chicks, and bunnies.

Easter also appears during the spring, and this means different things to everyone. Easter commemorates Jesus' death and resurrection for the vast majority of the 2.38 billion Christians around the globe. For millions of devout Christians, this day signifies the conclusion of 40 days of fasting, prayer, and penance.

For those non-religious individuals, spring is a time to appreciate the leaf buds and springtime blooms that signify the changing of the seasons. It signifies a new start to life and brings about fresh hope for the world around us.

Regardless of beliefs, everyone should celebrate the new beginnings happening around us and look forward to spring. Here at *The Blacksonian*, we plan to focus on the present and future instead of dwelling on the past.

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